



Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta

May 26, 1930 - January 3, 2016

Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta, USAF (Ret.), 85, died January 3, 2016 at Conway Medical Center in Conway, SC.

Born May 26, 1930 in Mamaroneck, NY and a long time resident, General Sam "Dean" DeLitta was the son of the late Saverio and Florinda Mangone DeLitta. Sam and his late wife Arlene Spinelli moved to Myrtle Beach, SC in 1990 after his 39 years of military service. He enjoyed his family, friends, New York Catskill Mountain vacation home, and golf. General DeLitta started his NYANG career in 1954, following initial military service with the U.S. Army in Korea. He rose from the enlisted rank of private to eventually being appointed the assistant adjutant general of the New York Air National Guard in 1986, and senior officer of the largest Air National Guard in the nation. Upon his retirement in 1990 he was promoted to the rank of Major General (NYANG). He is survived by three children Susan Brancucci (Philip), Dena DeLitta, and Dean DeLitta (Carol) ; five grandchildren, Nicole Colon (Robert), Dean Brancucci, Jamie Lifrieri, Alex and Julia DeLitta; sister, Lydia Germani (Joseph) and sister-in-law (Gertrude DeLitta). General DeLitta was predeceased by a sister, Anne and brothers, John and Robert.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 PM Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Catholic Church of St. James in Conway, SC with Rev. Greg Caiazza officiating. Entombment with Full Military Honors will follow in Hillcrest Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, from 5:00PM until 7:00PM Friday, January 8, 2016 with a Payer Service to be held at 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS, 66675 or online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org
Please sign the guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Service

JAN 9. 12:00 PM.

Catholic Church of St. James

Tribute Wall



“ *Gigi Kossmann lit a candle in memory of Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta*



Gigi Kossmann - January 09, 2016 at 10:12 PM



To the DeLitta family, It was a privilege and honor to know your father. Please know that you have my sympathy. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Regards, Gigi (Dodd) Kossmann

Gigi Kossmann - January 09, 2016 at 10:15 PM

DG

We were very blessed to know Sam and Arlene and we enjoyed great times with them at Myrtle Beach. They were a lovely couple and Heaven will be enhanced by their presence.

Don and Jacqui Garrett

Don Garrett - January 11, 2016 at 10:18 PM

TB

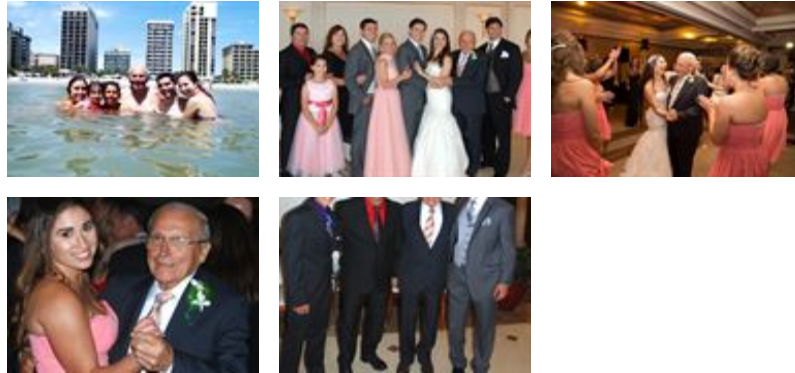
“ *We will miss seeing Sam drive by with his friendly wave and warm smile. Terrie & Bill Butler*



Terrie & Bill Butler - January 09, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - January 08, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Gertrude DeLitta purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta .*



Gertrude DeLitta - January 08, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *RIP Soldier !!!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - January 08, 2016 at 07:36 AM

BH

“ We met Sam 10 years ago at our monthly dinner club. We both enjoyed spending time with him and hearing all about his adventures. Sam always had a smile on his face even if his golf game "wasn't so good" that day. We will miss him dearly. Our condolences to his family.

Bill Alexandra and Linda Harrison - January 07, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta .



January 07, 2016 at 02:07 PM

DB

“ We were blessed with many good times with Sam and Arlene. The satisfying thought is Sam and Arlene are together again. His legacy is that he was a God fearing man who served his country, loved his family and friends and was truly an honorable person. We are honored to be known as his friends.

Donald and Gracie Barnhart - January 07, 2016 at 01:23 PM

PP

“ The one thing I will always remember is that when John was in the hospital in NY, Sam made sure that he got myself and my four children there to see him before he passed. I will always be grateful to you Sam. You were always thoughtful and quite a man. You will be in my thoughts and prayers... Phyllis (DeLitta) Parker



Phyllis Parker - January 06, 2016 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ *Dawn Spinozza lit a candle in memory of Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta*



Dawn Spinozza - January 06, 2016 at 05:52 PM

DS

Uncle Sam, you will be greatly missed by the entire family. I am so glad we got to visit last summer. With love, Dawn

Dawn Spinozza - January 06, 2016 at 05:54 PM

DB

“ *David Spinozza & Deirdre Broderick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brigadier General Sam F. DeLitta .*



David Spinozza & Deirdre Broderick - January 06, 2016 at 03:28 PM